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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Brian D. Cross, 55, was sentenced yesterday by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 92 months (7 years, 8 months) in prison for possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute. Judge Crabb stated that she was imposing this sentence in light of Cross' long history of violent crimes.

United States Attorney Peterson stated that the charges followed an investigation conducted by the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Police, the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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